Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs at page 7, lines 1 through 22 with the following amended paragraphs:

In the server front-end component 1010, a Remote Procedure Call (RPC) manager package 1100 handles interaction with the fail safe manager 1005. A client context package 1200 keeps track of client session information. A console manager package ~~1500~~ 1300 handles console request from the server, interacting with both an error stack (in the client context package 1200) and the RPC callback layer.

The fail safe server 1000 also includes a workflow package ~~1600~~ 1400 having an engine ~~1610~~ 1410, plan manager ~~1620~~ 1420, and coordinator ~~1630~~ 1430. The engine ~~1610~~ 1410 processes requests from the client and determines from the plan manager 1020 the list of workers needed to service the request. The engine ~~1610~~ 1410 passes the request along with the worker list to the coordinator ~~1630~~ 1430, which executes the client request using the workers to perform tasks. The workers use the resource providers 1600 and fail safe core 1700 as needed. The fail safe core 1700 is a library of support routines used by various parts of the server.

To accomplish the tasks, the coordinator ~~1630~~ 1430 sends a command to a command dispatcher 1450 by way of the back-end component 1020. The back-end component 1020 has an interface function 1025, called DoXmlCommand (), which is called by the coordinator 1430. The dispatcher 1450 examines the command and processes it, by either (1) calling a worker object; (2) calling a fail safe resource provider; or (3) calling the fail safe core. For example, if a request is to online a group, then the core is called; if a request is to get resource specific data (such as database properties), then the request is passed to the resource provider, and if a request is to perform a cluster-wide operation (such as verify cluster), then the request is passed to a worker object.